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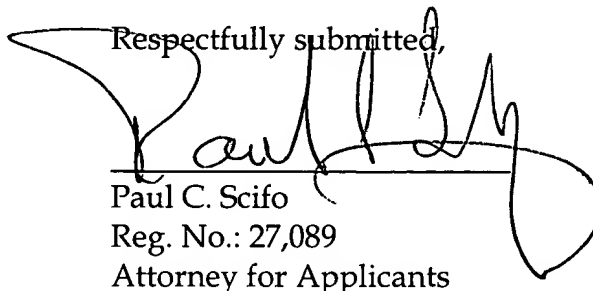
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Accordingly, I am transmitting the reply in its original unopened envelop carrying the correct postage and the postal return sticker herewith, and ask that the reply be considered timely filed as of July 30, 2004.

Should there be any questions in this matter, please feel free to contact me by telephone at (516) 488-2315. Your assistance is appreciated.

Dated: August 4, 2004

Respectfully submitted,



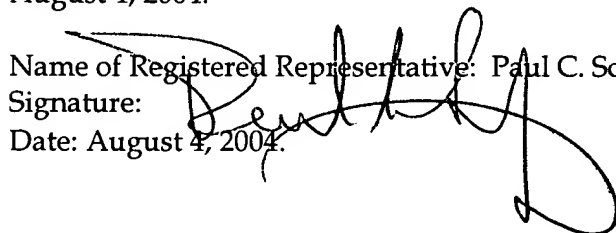
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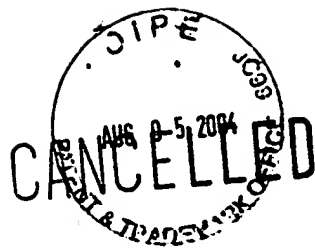
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I. A reply to the office action of January 30, 2004, the reply including:

1. A 112 page set of remarks with attachment of the text, *Data and Computer Communications*, by W. Stallings responsive to the January 30, 2004 action; and
2. A petition to extend the time to reply by Three (3) Month.

No amendment fee is required based on the following calculation:

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| INDEP. | 11 | 11 | 0 | 86.00 | \$ 0 |
| MULTIP. DEP. | No | No | | 290.00 | \$ 0 |
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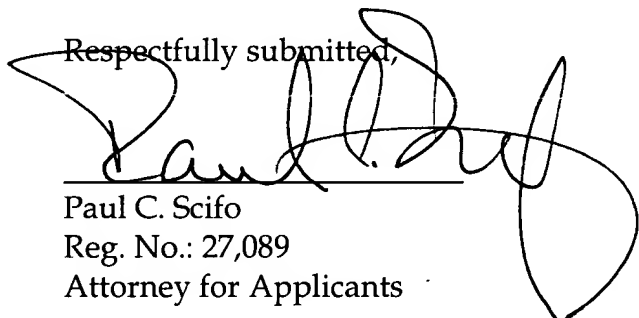
1. Nine Hundred and Fifty (\$950) Dollars pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) and 37 CFR 1.136(a) for the requested Three (3) Month extension of time to respond to the official action.

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Should there are any questions in this matter, please feel free to contact me during business hour by telephone at (516) 488-2315. Your assistance is appreciated.

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